Leadership in Sustainability Management Certificate
Our Philosophy.

Build on your skills and knowledge and help prepare yourself to take the lead in sustainability. This noncredit certificate will help you manage your organization’s efforts to go and stay “green.” The Leadership in Sustainability Management Certificate is built on the University of Chicago Graham School’s tradition of liberal education, applied to our most pressing modern challenges. It brings together University resources with practitioners in the field to provide courses drawing on the latest research plus real world experience.
The Leadership in Sustainability Management Certificate is a seven-course program designed to be completed in one year.

Students will:

• Gain broad knowledge of key sustainability topics
• Develop general managerial, problem-solving, critical thinking, and communication skills
• Build familiarity with the legal and policy infrastructures that support and regulate sustainability
• Explore how to apply economic paradigms to sustainability efforts
• Practice project and change management tactics to plan and execute a sustainability strategy
• Understand the role of communication and negotiation skills in sustainability efforts
• Network with sustainability practitioners in the classroom
• Boost your résumé with an educational credential from the University of Chicago

Program Requirements
To earn the certificate, students must complete six 15-hour courses and a capstone project. Courses meet once a week for three hours in downtown Chicago.

Required Courses
Sustainable Development
Environmental Law and Policy
Sustainability Leadership and Change Management
Science of Sustainability
Environmental Economics
Green Messaging

Capstone Project
The LSM program concludes with a capstone project. The capstone is your opportunity to apply your passions, skills, and creativity to sustainability. There’s no set way to do a capstone. For some, it will be a traditional research paper. For others, it may be an analysis (or creation) of a sustainability plan. We have had students develop syllabi for courses on sustainability and ethics, new “green” processes for event management, and studies on waste in the food industry. The only requirement of the capstone is that the scope of your project reflects the holistic approach of the LSM program. Students complete a project application form and work with a program instructor, who serves as a mentor for the project.
Our Students and Instructors.

“I gained a good overall understanding of the multidisciplinary issues involved in sustainability work. I met other students who shared my passion for sustainability and brought different levels and types of experience and knowledge to the classroom, which made for a rich discussion. And, the faculty did a good job of infusing the substantive content with practical applications.”

Nancy Himmelfarb

“The LSM Certificate transformed my personal passion in sustainability into a career interest. Being exposed to a wide range of environmental and sustainability issues was very informative and exciting, and it really convinced me to shift my career and look for opportunities in this field. And I’m very happy I did!”

Cecilia Gamba

INSTRUCTORS

Our instructors are all working professionals informing sustainability practices in a variety of fields. They hold advanced degrees in subject areas such as finance, geophysical science, sociology, law, architecture, journalism, and economics. Current and previous employers include the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, the Environmental Protection Agency, Jones Lang LaSalle, and The Clinton Foundation.
HOW TO APPLY

Application

Applications are accepted year-round: there are no set deadlines. Students may also take up to two classes in the program without applying for the certificate. To apply, please submit:

• Completed online application form
• $40 application fee
• Educational and professional resume
• Statement of purpose describing your goals in the program and how it will impact your career (250-word limit)

What to do next?

Want to learn more about the program? Join us at one of our upcoming information sessions. To view the schedule and RSVP, visit our website at grahamschool.uchicago.edu/sustainabilitymanagement.
LOCATION
Gleacher Center
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TUITION
$610/course
(5-week courses, 3 hours/week)

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
We do not issue student visa documents for noncredit courses and programs. International applicants who are already in the US in a status that permits studying may register for any of our noncredit programs.

DISCLAIMER
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Persons who have questions regarding the University’s Nondiscrimination Policy also may contact Aneesah Ali at aali@uchicago.edu or 773.702.5671.